

THE SUNDAY TRUMPET

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Worship at St. Michael's Sundays at 7:45 & 10am

Christmas Eve Services

7:45am - Holy Eucharist Rite I

10am - Advent Lessons and
Carols

5pm - Children's Festival
Eucharist and Pageant

7pm - Holy Eucharist with
Carols

10:30pm - Carols and music

11pm - Traditional Christ-Mass
with Chancel Choir

Christmas Day Service

10am - Holy Eucharist with
Carols and hike at St. Edward's
Park following (11:20am)

Christmas Flower Donations

Poinsettias donations have been made through Advent to celebrate and honor loved ones. This includes Ken and Vicky Hunter for our veterans; Con and Barbara Rusling; Meg and Gary Meo for the memory of James and Elaine McGrew and Tony and Madeline Meo; The De Leon family in memory of Wally Winslow; Bill and Judy Brantley for those missing loved ones, the Altar Guild angels, and Daughters of the King; Phil and Joyce Howard-Miller; Debbie Hamilton, in memory of Becky Beach, Sharon D'Amalfi, and Joyce Reedy.



Upcoming

New Year's Eve food and outreach opportunity - The Kitchen Crew will be smoking meat and preparing sides for New Year's Eve and Day festivities, available for pickup on December 31, 11am to 3pm. Please pre-order by December 29, by emailing Andy Hines (ahines@hinespool.com) or contacting James Russell or Mike Murphy. All profits split between St. Michael's Outreach budget and Hospitality budget. Anyone interested in helping the Kitchen Crew should arrive 6am to 3pm on December 31. Please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/st.michaels.austin/> for more information and the order form. Order forms are also available in the Narthex on the Welcome Table.

Renewal of Wedding Vows on New Year's Eve

We invite all married couples to begin the new year with a renewal of their marriage vows. This will take place during the 10am service on New Year's Eve, December 31st. No preparation required! Contact Rev. Peter for more information.

We will be celebrating the Epiphany and the Baptism of our Lord on Sunday, January 7th.

Join us for a festive celebration including tacos in the Parish Hall following the service. This will also be the next opportunity for baptisms. If you are interested in receiving the sacrament of baptism, or have a child to be baptized, please contact a member of the clergy.

Weekly Prayer Services

Morning Prayer

Tuesdays at 9am in the Worship Space. For more information contact Rev. Brin or Lesley.

Centering Prayer

Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the side chapel. For more information contact Phyllis Bles (phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

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Christian Education and Formation

St. Michael's offers a wide variety of convenient opportunities for small groups and Bible study throughout the week.

Weekly Brown Bag Bible Study takes place on Tuesday afternoons from noon to 1pm in the Rector's Office, bring your lunch and join Rev. Brin for lectionary-based Bible study.

Are you interested in joining a small group? Theological reflection is the process of examining our lives and our decisions through a biblical and theological lens. Over time we begin to think and act more like Jesus—we learn to be disciples. Come learn more about how to become a disciple with our small group. The next 6-week series will begin on Wednesday, January 24th from 7-8pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rev. Brin

Join us for Adult Christian Education on Sundays at 9am in the Parish Hall. Our offerings range from video series' and roundtables, to book studies and discussion forums. Stay tuned for a new series to start on January 14th. Contact Rev. Brin for more information.

Sunday Seekers Book Study meets in the Bride's Room at 9am. The group resumes on January 7 with the book 'God's Voice Within: The Ignatian Way to Discover God's Will,' by Mark Thibodeaux. Contact Phyllis Bles (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more information. New participants are welcome to join at any time.

Children's and Youth Ministries

Fellowship for all our students and children is available in the education wing before church. Come and join us at 9am for breakfast and to hang out with your friends.

Sunday School for all children and students - preschool to 12th grade - takes place during the 10am Worship Service. Everyone comes to the education wing before the beginning of the service and is brought to the worship space in time for Eucharist with family and friends.

Children's ministries

On Sunday mornings our preschool children – 3 years to Pre-Kindergarten— have fun with music, stories and craft activities. Our K-3rd grade use experiential learning in theme related classes to explore the bible with games, drama, food, and art. All 4th and 5th grade children take part in a transitional bible program which focuses on their own responses to scripture in preparation for the

move to student ministries Although not lectionary based, all classes do follow the major events in the church calendar offering all children the chance to get to know our faith traditions

Student Ministries

St. Michael's Student Ministry exists to help our students have a personal relationship with Jesus and feel God's power in their lives. We see this happen through connection: connecting students to God, their peers, and the church. Whether we're doing outreach, playing games, watching movies, or engaged in spiritual formation, the focus is always on community. On Sunday mornings middle and high school students have separate classes. Middle schoolers enjoy a fun if slightly irreverent interactive video study. The high school students follow a lectionary based program designed to help them consider their own personal faith journey

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)

is for all 6th-12 grades and meets regularly during the school year. These gatherings are all about worship and fellowship, and friends are always welcomed. Contact Marina Martin (marinamartin2513@gmail.com) or Rev. Brin for more information.

Nursery

Our nurseries are staffed by trained nannies who have undergone the Diocesan Safeguarding God's Children program and provide a safe, warm, loving environment for the children entrusted to our care. Nursery time includes free play, bible stories, coloring pages, outside play, snacks, and games and is available for infants through 3 years old from 9am-12:15pm.

Outreach

Outreach at St. Michael's takes shape in a variety of groups and community efforts, which in the past has included Mobile Loaves and Fishes, Neighbor 2 Neighbor, coordination with El Buen Samaritano, the Del Valle Book Drive, Episcopal Migration Ministries, Refugee Services of Texas, and more. The St. Michael's group also volunteers at various times throughout the year with Trinity Center Austin, providing hospitality, fellowship, and a hot meal. For more information on the various outreach efforts at St. Michael's, please contact a member of the clergy.

Active Faith Opportunities

Faith on the Run - Start your week off with a walk/run and prayer on the trail around Town Lake. We meet on the north end of the pedestrian bridge under Mopac on Mondays at 7am and end around 8am. Contact Rev. Brin, (brin@st-michaels.org) for details and to let her know if you are planning to attend. We will not meet on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

The Martin Luther King Day March is coming up on January 15, 2018, beginning at 9:30am on the south steps of the State Capitol. Join St. Michael's and other area Episcopal Churches as we march from the Capitol to Huston-Tillotson University to celebrate the legacy of Dr. King. For more information, contact Rev. Brin.

St. Michael's Episcopal Day School

St. Michael's Episcopal Day School began as the collective dream of a small group of St. Michael's members. A volunteer task force worked tirelessly to turn the St. Michael's Episcopal Day School into reality in 2010: the school offers classes for toddlers, 2, 3 and 4-year olds utilizing the Reggio Emilia philosophy. St. Michael's Episcopal Day School, as a mission of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, is

called to provide a loving, Christ-centered learning environment. We believe that each child is created in God's own image with an innate capacity to learn, understand, create & serve.

For more information on St. Michael's Episcopal Day School, please visit stmichaelsdayschool.org or contact the Director, Rebecca Hope, at director@stmichaelsdayschool.org.

Stephen Ministry

Going through a tough time? You are invited to receive Pastoral Care through Stephen Ministry: If you are experiencing difficulties-illness, loneliness, troubled relationships, financial setback, or losses due to death, divorce, or aging-our Stephen Ministers are prepared to bring God's love and warmth to you with confidential, one-to-one Christian care. Please contact one of our clergy, the Rev. Peter or the Rev. Brin, who will put you in touch with one of our lay leaders Julie de Wette, Michael Donegan, or Liz Wyckoff to help you get connected with Stephen Ministry.

Open Arms Integrity Austin

We are an Episcopal organization, allied and LGBTQ parishioners, Integrity Austin Open Arms proclaims and embodies the all-inclusive love of God through worship, education, and advocacy. Integrity Austin Open Arms envisions a church where people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, national origins, race, religious affiliations and gender expressions are welcomed and affirmed with open arms and hearts. Contact Phillip Boone (phillip.openarms@gmail.com) for more information.



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